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The Dregs of Hypocrisy.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

Necessity knows no law, so the United States Treasury Department rules that the sale of liquor on American ships outside the three-mile zone is permissible. The storage of liquor within the three-mile zone and in port for sale on the high seas is legal; so is the transshipment of liquor through American territory for sea sale, although all other transshipments through American territory are illegal and subject the liquor to confiscation.

The Treasury has not yet ruled on the legality of the purchase in American territory of moonshine whisky from bootleggers for sale at sea. The wine cards of Government ships list American moonshine at 30 cents a drink, 5 cents higher than Scotch whisky, because it is illegally obtained. This will be declared legal in time. We predict that the Government will go the whole hypocritical hog to save the merchant marine.

This exemption of American ships, which need the profits of bootlegging to keep going, will not, however, interfere with the drastic enforcement of prohibition against ordinary bootleggers and plain citizens on land. The agents, provocateurs and snooping enforcement officers of the Government will have blind eyes for bootlegging on the docks and the sea, but a thousand eyes will be turned on the poor devils who want beer or wine or whiskey or who sell these alcoholic beverages on land. The American landlubbers must be saved from their depraved appetites at any cost to their liberty and pocketbook, while the American seagoers can go to the devil at a handsome profit for the Government.

This is as it must be. When a Government abandons its fundamental principles and gets into the prohibition mess of tyranny and hypocrisy it must be prepared to sound the depths of moral and political infamy.

We do not envy the Federal Judges who sit in solemn judgment and impose heavy sentences of fine and imprisonment on those miserable wretches—plain, unprivileged citizens—who make home brew or possess or sell liquor of any kind, while moonshine is purchased and all kinds of liquor are possessed in port and sold on the sea by the Government, on Government owned ships. We do not envy the prohibition officers who disguise themselves to lure and provoke bootleggers to sell them a drink or a bottle and chase bellboys and waiters and bartenders for possessing and selling moonshine, while aproned bartenders and waiters and cabin boys sell it without limit on Government ships, for the profit of the United States Treasury.

While it is illegal, immoral and disgraceful to make or drink American beer and wine on land, the Government promotes the profitable making of foreign beer and wine and makes profit by selling them on its own ships. It is pro-German, according to Chairman Lasker, for an American brewer to protest against the prohibition of American beer and the sale of German beer on American ships, but it is 100 per cent American for the American Government to sell German beer on its own ships and prohibit the making or selling of American beer.

These, we repeat, are the fruits of prohibition folly and fanaticism. They are bitter fruits, full of the acid juice of dishonor, dishonesty and shame. We must drink the dregs of hypocrisy and moral and political degradation that we may be saved from drinking a drop of alcohol—on land.

Harrison Tells of G. O. P. Plan to Buy the Election.

The Republican conference to "step on the gas" and "get the money" was thoroughly aired on the floor of the Senate by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, who well summed up the occasion and the purpose of the meeting as follows:

"Of course, the legitimate and honest business interests of the country are thoroughly disgusted with the manner in which you have legislated and the way in which you have failed to solve the great problems that are pressing upon this Congress, among them the taxation bill and this bill by which you are attempting to erect a tariff wall around the country, and cause other countries to retaliate against us and prevent these honest business interests from selling their goods in foreign markets. So it is enough to know that the people of the great Middle West who have been crying for irrigation and reclamation, appealing to Senators to pass the

McNary-Smith bill, and it does not come, are naturally dissatisfied—business, laboring people, soldiers, everybody up in arms against you, your record, and your policies. So it is that these representatives of the Republican Party outside of this Chamber and the House, fresh from home, meeting here, trying to adopt a policy that might change the trend of events and bring success to your party in November, have gone out determined to buy the coming election."

Senator Harrison asserted, however, that the American people were reading and thinking and that they knew what was going on, and of the big dinners being held in the White House and elsewhere, and that they would come to the rescue of the Democratic party.

Senator Spencer Pays Tribute to a Saint.

(Missouri State Journal.)

Our own Senator Spencer, taking a cue from the President, has rushed to the front with another defense of Nat Goldstein.

Former eulogies to that sainted character pale into utter insignificance as the glittering phrases of his latest panegyric fall on our ears and it dawns upon us how that great and good man has suffered at the hands of the American people in general and the Democratic party in particular. Our heart throbs with sympathy as the peerless churchman and Y. M. C. A. leader extols the virtues of this "honest, clean, efficient public official and individual" who, though the world be searched from pole to pole, has no superior existence.

We shed a tear as we think of the calamities heaped on the head of this sterling patriot into whose unwilling hands Lowden gold was forced, but we have short time to weep for the eloquent Senator goads us into action as he thunders "coward" at the vile assassins of character who "make stabs in the dark" at this high-minded citizen who has been so unjustly treated. Our fighting fist clinches as we hear him talk, indignation burns within us, our blood reaches the proverbial boiling point, our pent-up emotions refuse to remain in leash, we give vent to one mighty cry which sums up our opinion of our junior senator's defense of Goldstein—"BUNK!"

The Case of Busch vs Lasker.

That Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board exhibited a bad temper in replying to the Busch letter revealing the sale of liquors on vessels of the U. S. Shipping Board is an opinion here among many. Naturally to call Uncle Sam the "biggest bootlegger in the world" because of the sale of liquor on Shipping Board vessels would roll Chairman Lasker, because in this matter Lasker, by grace of President Harding, is the representative of Uncle Sam, and perforce the epithet of bootlegger also strikes at him. It is not understood just why Chairman Lasker should counter attack upon Mr. Busch and other Americans of German blood on the theory that they are trying to injure the American merchant marine, as he did in the following:

"It is, of course, notorious that Adolphus Busch, who founded your brewery, was possibly the Kaiser's closest friend in America, and that your family for many years has maintained a castle in Germany; your action in any event will not displease your German friends, whose greatest hope of a restored German merchant marine is in a hurt to America's newborn merchant marine."

As it is perfectly ridiculous to assume that Germany could build up a merchant marine by destroying the American merchant marine this would indicate that Chairman Lasker was not only surprised, but confused and angry, at the revelation that Lasker's ships were "wet" when they were supposed to be "dry."

Changes in State Department Made.

(De Soto Press.)

With the transferring of this division of the State Highway Department to Hannibal, Mo., De Soto lost some valuable citizens.

The change was made last week, when the office furniture of the department was moved by State trucks to Hannibal, and the personal effects of Mr. Griffith, the head of this district, were transferred to that city also.

Mr. Griffith will have charge of district 11, composed of the northeast corner of the state, and his family will move there with him at once. The family, while in De Soto, have made many friends and it is with

sincere regret that we announce their departure.

Mr. Grathouse will stay in this division, which is now number 6, under the new highway engineer, S. M. Rudder, with offices at Webster Groves, Mo.

R. V. Blanton of De Soto will be put on project 105, in Iron county. Mr. Blanton will continue to make De Soto his headquarters when he is not at work on some project.

The State Highway Department employ the type of men any town, any community may be proud of, and while here were held in high esteem by the entire community, and it is with regret that we also announce the removal of their office elsewhere.

NOTICE.

My ice house will be open from 5:00 A. M. to 6:00 A. M., from 11:30 A. M., to 12:30 noon, from 6:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. On Sunday from 6:00 A. M. to 7:30 A. M. sharp. F. BUECHSCHUTZ, Middlebrook, Mo., May 15, 1922.

Arcadia College Notes.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Commencement of Arcadia College, Arcadia, Mo., was held on the afternoon of June 20th, in the College Auditorium. A number of visiting clergy, parents and friends of the graduates, and many patrons of the institution were present. The visitors were treated to a select program of vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with several readings from the classics. The Valedictory was delivered by Miss Ruby Jones. Her subject was: "The ideal woman of the modern world," developed from the Class Motto, "Prudens Futuri."

Medals and diplomas for the successful completion of the High School courses were awarded to Misses Catherine Arrendale, Marie Beis, Mary Coon, Kathleen Harris, Ruby Jones, Agnes Mackey, Theo Monti, Kathryn Quinn, Milly Gay Schultz, Selma Sewald, Charlotte Stack and Bonnie Marie Stocking.

An informal address was delivered at the conclusion of the program by the Rev. Sidney Stocking, of Rolla, Mo.

The Self-Righteous Minority.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

There can be little doubt that had Rev. John H. Williamson, Chicago's official moral censor, been in Sodom when Abraham was pleading that it be spared if even 10 righteous persons were found in it, that wicked town might be saved. And for its own sake, Chicago should not be too hard on Dr. Williamson and his few supporters. Their presence may be of more value than any number of insurance policies.

It is too bad that citizens of Chicago refused to accept Dr. Williamson's invitation to fill out and swear to the affidavits his organization sent out, telling of the misdeeds of their neighbors. Who knows how many reform-invented sins, not covered by the 10 commandments nor any other basic moral code, might have been exposed. And how much self-satisfaction the holier-than-thou joy-killers could have gotten out of a big bunch of snoop reports such as their champion sought.

Since the denunciation of Police Commissioner Miller, St. Louis has been without an honest-to-goodness "vice" hunter and professional Jonah. Why not invite Dr. Williamson?

Warning to All.

All parties are hereby warned to stop throwing rocks at my buildings and trespassing on my premises at Ghermanville and destroying property. The guilty parties are known and if they persist in their malicious practices they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This is final warning to all. You who are interested had better heed it.

MRS. E. J. HITZMANN, Bismarck, Mo., June 1, 1922.

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